



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC)

#### MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2012

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Arizona Capitol Complex, Executive Tower

Second Floor Conference Room

1700 W. Washington Street,

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

#### **Council Members, Liaisons & Participants Present**

Charles Brown, Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Bernadine Hoffman, (Acting SHAC Chairwoman) Doyle Meredith, Trudy W. Schuett, Joe Woods, Susan Archer, Karla Averill, Michelle Barth, David Besst, Mary Busch, Phil Carll, Janice Crist, Susan Cypert, Ginger Froncek, Steve Laughary, Randy Maskell, Michele Michaels, Karen Richards, Julia Wacloff, Judy White.

#### **Council Members Absent**

George Evanoff, Anne Morrison, Allison Crissman Perrin, Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson and C.T. Wright.

#### **Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa and Kim Jennings.

#### **Guest Present and Signing In**

Jennifer Story

#### **Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes**

Acting Committee Chairwoman Bernadine Hoffman called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Following a review of the January 12, 2012 SHAC draft minutes, *Doyle Meredith made a motion to approve as presented; Joe Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Updates**

##### *Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force*

Phil Carll, Program and Advocacy Director for the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, provided an update on the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force and the work of the four Work Teams. In alignment with the goals of the Task Force, Mr. Carll reported on progress of the National Alzheimer's Project Act, (NAPA) the national Alzheimer's Advisory Council, the President's proposed budget and announced the release of the *2012 Alzheimer's Facts & Figures* report. To ensure SHAC members have access to the information shared, Mr. Carll stated he would provide links to NAPA and the latest Alzheimer's Facts & Figures report for Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa to email to the Committee. A copy of the Draft National Plan

to Address Alzheimer's Disease document and the outline used by Mr. Carll are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

#### *Arizona Caregiver Coalition & Respite Network*

David Besst, Caregiver Support Specialist for the Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) reported that the top four accomplishments of the Caregiver Coalition in 2011 were: 1.) the national respite conference held in November 2011, 2.) the development of the caregiver assessment tool, 3.) an awareness campaign, (citing the six newspaper articles and the interviews on the *Horizons* program at ASU's Channel 8) and 4.) the caregiver resource line intended to provide a new access point for caregivers. Mr. Besst provided information on the pilot project for the resource line and stated caregiver advocate volunteers will be recruited to provide responses to the calls received and will receive at least 12 hours of training. A copy of the *Arizona Caregiver Coalition Caregiver Resource Line (CRL)* handout is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

#### *Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition*

Karen Richards reported that the next meeting of the Fall Prevention Coalition is April 2, 2012 at the Area Agency on Aging, Region One. Ms. Richards stated the members of the coalition are working on plans for the National Fall Prevention Day in September and a survey of home health agencies. According to Ms. Richards, the survey will seek information from agencies on transfers or transition of care and the fall prevention event will be held at St. Joseph's Hospital (Phoenix) this year.

#### **Insurance Plans and Hearing Aids**

Erin Klug from the Department of Insurance provided an overview of information collected on mandated insurance benefits that included information from other states and highlights of identified hurdles or barriers to mandating coverage. As part of the discussion, both Ms. Klug and Michele Michaels, Hard of Hearing Specialist for the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing answered questions specific to plans, coverage, and consumer costs. Inclusion of hearing aids coverage was briefly discussed as a potential part of health exchange development. A copy of Ms. Klug's outline of information is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

#### **Oral Health Updates to Discuss**

Mary Busch, Co-Chairwoman of the Oral Health Sub-Committee of SHAC reported that there are currently five oral health coalitions that include northern, northeastern and western Arizona as well as Maricopa County. According to Ms. Busch, a three-year tele-dentistry grant has supported the development of several oral health coalitions. Also, the Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders Advocate and Resources (MOLAR) is a successful model to emulate in developing statewide oral health coalitions.

*MOLAR* - Steve Laughary reported: 1.) the coalition is focused on oral health care needs of all ages; \$10,000 grant has been received to help continue the work. 2.) The older adult work group at MOLAR is working on health expos, speakers' bureau, training and education and supporting the June 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Service project as part of the American Dental Hygienists Association's conference.

*Arizona Dental Foundation's Recognition for Donated Services* – Ginger Froncek reported the Foundation continues to promote and track donation of dental services by member providers. Finalizing a certificate of recognition with the Governor's Office on Aging is still pending.

*Dental Care Mission of Mercy & Other Events* - Mary Busch reported that the Dental Mission of Mercy will be held in Phoenix in December 2012; planning committees for that event are well underway, and care will be limited to 2,000 clients with greatest need. Ginger Froncek reported that the Hope Fest on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Arizona Diamondbacks' stadium will provide screening and referrals for follow-up to Midwestern University. Ms. Froncek also reported the Foundation is working to convert the former Rio Salado Dental School at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington in Phoenix into a sliding fee scale clinic. Mary Busch reported A.T. Still University dental students continue to provide dental care.

*State Legislation related to Dental Care* – The group briefly discussed progression of S1004: Dental Hygienists: Local Anesthetics.

#### **Announcements**

- Michele Michaels announced she now serves on the Area Agency on Aging Region One's Board of Directors.
- Erin Klug announced she has taken another position within the Arizona Department of Insurance.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m. by Acting Committee Chairwoman, Bernadine Hoffman.

#### **Next Meeting:**

**The next Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee is scheduled for May 10, 2012; location to be confirmed and announced via public meeting notice on the Advisory Council on Aging's website: [www.azgovernor.gov/gaca](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca). These meetings are open to the public.**